



IU South Bend Information Technologies

IT UPDATE

Go Green
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GoPrint Pilot In Progress

GoPrint, a print management system, is being piloted in all of the IT student computer labs this semester. The purpose of the system is to cut down on wasted paper and ink, and allow students to better manage their printing. Students have been given an allotment but during this semester they will not be charged for any printing beyond that limit.

As the semester began there were a few glitches as GoPrint attempted to scale from our test group last fall to the entire student population this semester. But now with a more powerful server in place the program has been running smoothly and pop-up menus have reportedly been appearing more consistently.

The pilot, or test, phase will continue this summer. The full implementation of GoPrint will occur this fall at which time students will need to pay for any printing beyond their initial allotment. The allotment provided to each student is equivalent to 650 simplex pages and should be sufficient to cover most, if not all, of a student's academic printing.

A comparison of the first nine weeks of the fall semester to the same period of the spring semester shows a 25% decrease in pages printed. An even greater decrease should be noticed this fall.

How can students reduce their paper usage?

- Preview documents to catch errors before printing.
- Use duplex printing whenever possible.
- When printing from a web page, select specific text needed and then, from the print menu, print only the selected data rather than the entire page.
- When printing slides provided by faculty, try printing 3, 4, or 6 on a page rather than just one per page.
- Consider: does this really need to be printed?



Vista in Labs This Fall

The computers in classroom tech desks and all IT labs will be running Windows Vista this fall. In preparation for this, it is important for faculty to begin checking on any specialized software they are using to ensure it is Vista compliant. Please turn software requests in by the date listed below and watch for announcements this summer for opportunities to test your assignments on the new Vista build so any problems may be found and resolved prior to the beginning of the semester.

Software and licensing information must be turned in to Rebecca Hartman by the due dates listed below in order to be included in the lab or classroom tech desk computers for these upcoming semesters. **Note the early deadline for Fall due to Vista implementation.**

Summer 1&2 - March 31st

Fall - June 1st

Talk to Us

IT encourages input from students, faculty and staff in order to serve you better. The Academic Senate IT Committee was established for that purpose. Its membership includes faculty, staff and student representatives who serve in an advisory role to Information Technologies. They assist in creating and recommending policy and procedures relating to technology on our campus. Please feel free to forward your suggestions and comments to any member of the Academic Senate IT Committee:

Marta Makielski, Nursing - chair
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 Cathy Buckman, Office of the Registrar
 Beverly Church, Information Technologies
 Alan Gift, Chemistry
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As always, feel free to offer feedback directly to IT Vice Chancellor Pat Ames or Directors Beverly Church and Phil Mikulak.

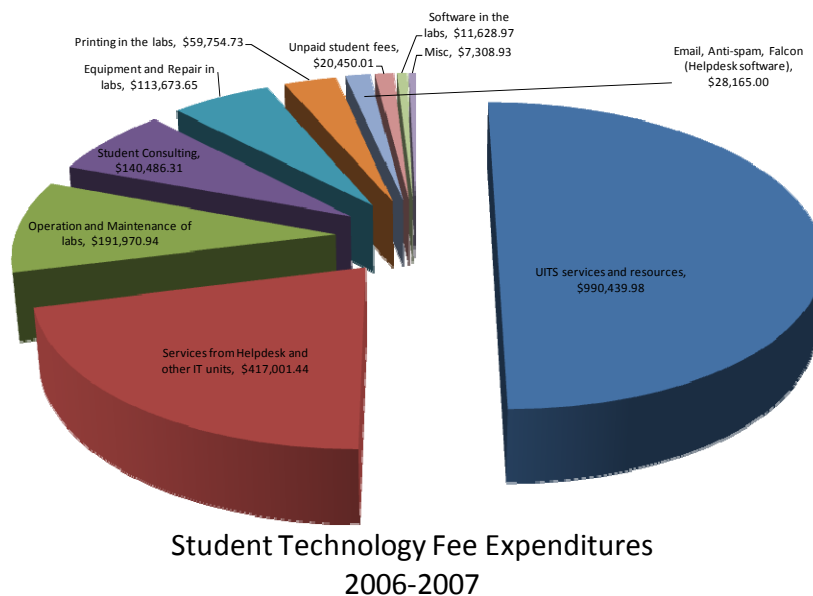
IT Q&A

Q: How do I take advantage of the special agreements of the university for software and hardware?

A: You can purchase Microsoft products and other software in the bookstore. But many of these products are free if downloaded directly from <http://iuware.iu.edu>. Hardware deals with Apple, Dell, and others can be found by following the “Software and Hardware” link on the Information Technologies web page.

Q: How are student technology fees used on our campus?

A: Half of the student technology fee goes to University Information Technology Services (UITs) which provides IU-wide services and resources. A portion of these funds comes back to our campus to provide life-cycle replacement of classroom technology. The following chart shows the breakdown of student technology fee expenditures for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.



Emergency Notifications

As a part of the overall campus emergency planning effort, an application has been installed on all campus PCs which will allow campus police and other authorized users to issue emergency alerts through the campus network. When an emergency alert is sent, if you are logged on to your computer, a pop-up window will appear informing you of the emergency and what steps to take in response. Currently, there is no way to provide this to on-campus Mac computers.

Please review and update your personal contact information through One-Start. This information will be used by the IU-Notify emergency notification system to alert you of any emergency that affects the South Bend campus or Elkhart Center.

Save Energy! Save Money!



In an effort to cut down on power usage and save dollars for the campus, IT is now recommending that you power off, or shut down, your office computer when leaving each night **EXCEPT** for Wednesday night.

On Wednesday when you leave, please “restart” your computer which logs you off but leaves the computer powered on so that it can receive security updates overnight. All other nights you can “shut down” your computer.

For even more savings, you should power off your monitor and printer as well.

IT plans to power off computers in the student labs also. At this time we are investigating how to do this with an automated process. Faculty teaching in a lab the first class of the day will need to allow time for computers to be powered on and boot up.

Classroom tech desk computers need to remain on to interact with the anti-theft monitoring system. Be sure to log off but leave these computers powered on.

IT Helpdesk

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